

## SUBCOMMITTEE INSPECTS REFORMATORY AT LAUREL

City May Acquire Property as Farm—Report to Council Tomorrow Night.

The first step toward obtaining a city farm was taken yesterday afternoon when the subcommittee on utilities of City Council inspected the Laurel Reformatory site, eight miles from Richmond, with the object in view of determining whether it might prove the most accessible and available for the purpose. It is practically determined that in the course of time the city will buy and operate a farm, like that now operated by the city of Washington.

The Laurel site is owned by the State of Virginia. The State has acquired a larger and more suitable place for the reformatory, a site on James River about twenty miles west of Richmond, and will in a few months transfer all its operations from Laurel to the new site. The city of Richmond has been offered the Laurel farm at the nominal price of \$150,000. This includes all the property, which consists of 170 acres with numerous buildings, which, it is believed, will answer the purposes of the city.

**Secure All Data.** The subcommittee, consisting of Chairman James E. Peters, Alderman W. Stewart White and Councilman James E. Dickerson, inspected every point of the institution, secured all data in connection therewith, and will submit a report to the general committee at its next meeting. The report will not be ready for the meeting of Common Council tomorrow night.

Among those who visited the farm were Dr. E. J. Williams, chairman of the subcommittee, Dr. E. C. Levy, Director of Public Welfare, Colonel W. M. Myers, Director of Public Safety, Chief Sheriff of the Police Department, Chief Joynes of the Fire Department, Dr. J. M. Martin, secretary of the Board of Charities and Corrections, Judge Hicks of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, Julian (Gunn) State Senator from Henrico County, Chairman Claude E. Watkins, of the Council Committee on Public Safety, Lee Roden and E. Raleigh Phillips, of the Finance Committee of City Council, City Clerk Alfred W. McDowell, of City Council, and George C. Russell, sergeant-at-arms of City Council. Members of the board of visitors of the farm, including Aldermen Harry Beattie and R. W. Spilman, concluded their visit through the grounds and buildings.

It was pointed out by the members of the board of visitors that the farm might prove a most profitable investment for the city for many reasons. The main reasons were that the farm is situated on a railroad with a siding long enough to accommodate any number of cars. In the event the city desired a place to put its dependents, there might be an opportunity to make the dependents self-sustaining, and thus save the city money. There are buildings now on the farm which could be used as places for the different classes of mendicants, and as a city hospital.

## CITY OF PARIS BONDS ARE OFFERED AT 11.4 PER CENT

High Yield, However, Frightens Many Investors in Short-Term Securities.

City of Paris bonds, paying 6 per cent and maturing on October 15 of this year, give a yield of 11.4 per cent at their current market price of 96.12. Many investors who are frightened away by the very high yield, just as they shunned the Anglo-French notes a year ago, it will be recalled how this latter issue went down in January and February, 1920, until it yielded 14 per cent, and how the British government took advantage of the low price and bought a substantial amount in the open market, saving millions of dollars by the transaction. The probability is that the city of Paris will do likewise, or even may be doing so at the present level. American investors sold Anglo-French notes to placate the task of meeting an obligation of \$500,000,000 seemed so huge. But the notes were sold at a price of 90. The Paris loan is only one-tenth the size of the Anglo-French issue. The investor contemplates the purchase of these bonds should remember the purpose for which they were issued. The city of Paris was faced with unusual expenditures during the war and was forced in 1916 to raise funds by this loan to meet these expenditures and to relieve war suffering. Probably only a small part of the \$500,000,000 defrayed ordinary municipal expenses. For this reason doubt is raised as to the method of redeeming the bonds next October, and it is this doubt as much as any other factor that is keeping the yield so high. The belief in banking circles

## Many Civic Improvements for Northside Traced to Work of Citizens' Association



Photo by Foster.  
A. O. HAWKINS,  
Chairman, Citizens' Association.



R. L. JONES,  
President.



P. L. RAWLINGS,  
Secretary.



DR. R. W. MILLER,  
Chairman, Executive Committee.

### Association Is One of the Oldest in This City.

### HAS FOSTERED MANY PROJECTS OF MERIT

### Interest Centers on Viaduct Toll Elimination, Street Building and Fire Protection.

The North Richmond Citizens' Association representing the district of Barton Heights and adjacent territory is looked upon as one of the most active and progressive organizations of its kind in the city. Not alone is it the purpose of the association to work for civic improvement and for matters of interest to citizens of its home territory, but it takes an active interest in all matters affecting the city at large.

The inception of the organization dates back to a period of about twenty years ago. Early in the life of the settlement known as Barton Heights the citizens realized the importance of protecting their interests and an association to which they could look for discussion and concerted decision in all matters relating to the welfare of the people was then formed.

It is recalled that when the purchase of the Henrico Gas Company plant by the city of Richmond, the \$250,000 bond issue of \$250,000 for street improvements and the recent bond issue for school buildings were

being considered by the Council and the committee representing the citizens of this organization were constantly in attendance at the meetings and urged the adoption of the measures.

**Aided Improvements.** Dr. R. H. Pitt, one of the pioneer residents, and one of its first and aggressive presidents, was largely responsible for many of the activities and improvements which were wrought in the early history of the community. Among the early improvements was the extension of the First Street car line, and later the double tracking to Brooklyn Park Boulevard.

At the time of annexation, the association was reorganized under the name of North Richmond Citizens' Association with W. Pettit, president. Mr. Pettit served one year and was succeeded by A. O. Hawkins, after which Dr. R. W. Miller was elected and served two terms, since which time the present incumbent, R. L. Jones, has been its active head, having been recently elected for a third term.

The administration of Mr. Jones has been characterized by untiring service to the problems being considered by the association.

**Improved Gas Situation.** The entire Northside was formerly served by the Henrico Gas Company. About two years ago, however, the citizens realized that the fast developing territory was rapidly reaching the capacity of this plant and in conjunction with other associations of the Northside, urged upon the city the importance of looking to some improvement in the gas situation which, by consistent effort, finally terminated in the purchase of the plant, afforded to other citizens

the Northside now enjoy the same privilege of service from the city plant afforded to other citizens throughout the city.

One of the most important projects fostered and urged by this organization was the purchase by the city of 11.21 acres of land to be used as a park and playground. This plot which is ideally located for the purpose is now being cleaned up and it is expected that it will be ready for general use this spring and summer. To Dr. R. W. Miller, chairman of the executive committee, goes the credit in a great measure for the successful handling of this matter. Dr. Miller has always taken an active interest in the affairs of the community and his untiring efforts in this particular matter have been unusually fruitful.

**Approves Bond Issue.** The association heartily approved the recent bond issue for \$150,000 for school purposes, and is working now for the erection of another primary school in Brookland Park Boulevard section where lots have already been purchased for the purpose. Another site has been selected and lots purchased for the erection of a junior high school for the Northside when the need develops.

Other matters that also now engage the attention of the organization is concerted action with other organizations to bring about the elimination of toll on the viaducts of the city, the smooth paving of North Avenue and Brookland Park Boulevard, and improvements in fire protection.

This association also fosters the Boy Scouts organization and at this time a very flourishing troop is operating under the leadership of

**Former Alabama Mayor Dies.** GREENVILLE, S. C., Feb. 5.—Major Charles Frederic Ford, former Mayor of Bessemer, Ala., former Mayor of Greenville, and one of the leading insurance men in the South, died at his home here today. He was born August 5, 1852, in Charleston, S. C. He organized the American Home Fire Insurance Company of Greenville, which was sold several weeks ago to the German-American Fire Insurance Company.

**Florida Mayor Dies.** PALATKA, Fla., Feb. 5.—Anthony Palma, 63, Mayor for three years, died here today. For twenty-two years, he was mayor of the city of Palatka. He was a member of the Florida House of Representatives and a member of the United States Senate.

**Greek Cabinet Resigns.** ATHENS, Feb. 4.—The Greek Cabinet, formed November 13 last by Premier Rallis, resigned late tonight. This action was a result of the controversy between the Premier and Minister of War Demetrius as to which one would head the Greek delegation which will attend the Nea Conference to be held in London late this month.

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## SMOOT SMOKE MEASURE EVAPORATES IN SENATE

Robinson Portrays Scene of President and Guests Leaving White House to Enjoy Cigars.

[By Associated Press.] WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Senator Smoot's proposal to prohibit smoking in most government buildings in Washington met sudden death today in the Senate, but out of it grew a substitute by Senator Wadsworth, Republican, New York, requiring department heads to prohibit smoking when it would endanger public property.

Senator Smoot's amendment to the sundry civil bill went out on a point of order by Senator Robinson, Democrat, Arkansas, a non-smoker, who declared it was unfair, because it would permit Senators and Representatives to smoke in their office and in the Capitol, but would prohibit the President, Cabinet officers and department clerks from smoking.

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## AMHERST NEGRO CHARGED WITH SHOOTING HIS WIFE

Charles Grooms Arrested by Sheriff A. D. Watts—By Await Action of Grand Jury.

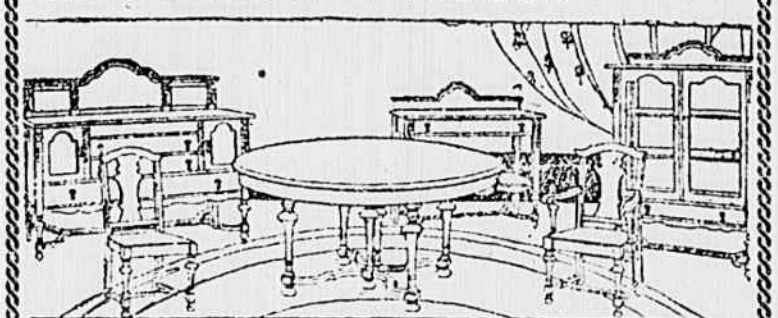
AMHERST, Va., Feb. 5.—Charles Grooms, colored, who on Thursday shot and mortally wounded his wife, Ella Tinsley Grooms, was arrested Friday on a warrant sworn out before Justice J. Bigby Davis.

The accused waived a preliminary hearing and was today brought to Amherst by Sheriff A. D. Watts and lodged in jail to await the action of the grand jury.

Ed. Tucker, colored, was lodged in jail Thursday on the charge of being insane. Tucker attempted to kill himself by cutting his throat with a razor. When this weapon was taken away from him he tried to knock himself in the head with an axe.

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